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Dear Mr. *Ken* Lovelace:

I enjoyed participating on the TI panel with you at the Battelle Conference in Monterey and hope to see you in the future. Attached is a copy of the final **Technical Impracticability Evaluation Report** for the Libby Ground Water site prepared by Woodward-Clyde for the Champion International Corporation. As I indicated to you at the conference, Region 8 and the State of Montana have determined that the TI Report is complete, however, the incorporation of the waiver of ground water standards into the Record of Decision awaits implementation of institutional controls for the area identified in the report.

Also attached is a copy of the most recent version of the **Technical Impracticability Evaluation for Groundwater Restoration** for the BN Somers site prepared by ThermoRetec Consulting Corporation for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. Region 8 has not reviewed this version, however, please let me know if you have questions or comments on either report.

Thanks for your assistance.

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